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ON THE FENCE.

Russia Very Deliberate Over the Penj-deh Fight.

A Strong War Feeling Prevails at the Muscovite Capital.

The Recent Attack on the Afghans Regarded as a Trifling Incident—Reported Active War Preparations at Odessa—English Vessels Ready to Start for the Baltic—Buying Iron clads in America.

Sr. PETROVSKY, April 11.—The Journal *De St. Petersburg*, speaking evidently by official inspiration, comments on the recent Government utterances in the British Parliament upon the Penj-deh incident as premature. It says it thinks that it would have been preferable for the English Ministers to have suspended judgment until the receipt of more complete information. They should have acted on the supposition that it was unlikely that Russian Generals, acquainted with the interests of the Russian Government, acted without good reason; they should have borne in mind that collisions, such as that which occurred on the Kuski, are always possible in the presence of a violent and undisciplined Asiatic population. "The Penj-deh incident," concludes the Journal, "was certainly an untoward event, because it may adversely effect the negotiations pending between Russia and England, which still justify the hope for peace."

A STRONG WAR FEELING.—The war feeling here is nevertheless strongly felt. The Capital is in a fever of excitement. The audience, still enthusiastic over the news from Penj-deh, on the general assumption that Komarov's conduct had the Imperial approval, arose when they saw the Czar, and shook the building with an ovation of applause.

AYOUT KHAN IN DURANCE.—TOMERIAN, April 11.—Ayoub Khan, the ex-Amir of Afghanistan, who has been residing here for some time on a pension of \$1,750 per month from the British Government, has again tried to leave Persia for Afghanistan. The British Minister has kept a close watch on the General, who, it is said, was made public, but it is thought that a general decantation of employees will be made to enable the company to get along without him.

THE FUGIERS START.—TOMERIAN, April 11.—The British Minister complained to the Shah. The latter arrested Ayoub, and has confined him in the Citadel. Persian officials have taken possession of Ayoub's house.

TURKEY WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL.—BERLIN, April 11.—It is reported here that Turkey has decided under Prince Bismarck's advice to remain neutral in the event of war between England and Russia.

RUSSIA'S WAR PREPARATION.—LONDON, April 11.—Two men of war belonging to the channel squadron, now at Kingstown, Ireland, have been ordered to Portsmouth to take torpedoes on board. It is reported that they will then proceed immediately to the Baltic. Advice from Odessa state that there is great alarm in that city. This is manifested not only by the general but by other troops stationed there. Numerous battalions of Cossacks are received every night and day in hastening the completion of the works at that point, and the flouring mills are worked at their full capacity in the preparation of provisions.

THE TENSION NOT LESSENED.—In official circles it is believed that the latest communication from Russia on the Penj-deh incident has not in the least lessened the tension between England and Russia.

RUSSIA DECLINE.—1:30 P. M.—The stock market is active to-day. Home and foreign funds are steady. Russian securities of 1864, however, are quoted from \$4 to May 1, closing price yesterday, to 85.

THE BRIDAL Bulletin.—1:30 P. M.—There was a slightly weaker feeling on Change this morning. Consols opened at 93½, the same as last night's closing, but soon dropped to 93½, at which price they are now quoted.

A BIG DROP.—2 P. M.—Consols have declined to 93½ for both money and account; this makes a decline of 3½ since the opening this morning.

CONSOLS QUOTED.—2:30 P. M.—Consols for both money and account are now quoted at 93½.

A SIGHT RARE.—3 P. M.—Consols for both money and account are quoted at 93½.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—A naval officer there has been ordered to the United States to endeavor to secure the services of a naval officer here in preparation for the projected expedition between San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands in transporting sugar. The vessels are to be used, the officer says, in prying upon English commerce in Japan, and Indian waters, should war be declared between Russia and England.

OUR OPPORTUNITY.—NEW YORK, April 11.—A Philadelphia correspondent of the Herald says: "It was stated to the writer that the Quon, Red Star and American Consols were to be sold to the British Admiralty for a sum at which the vessels would be issued to that Government. Another steamship agent went so far as to state that the British Nation's claim upon the vessels of his line might be asserted at any hour. The vessels of the American company all carry the British flag under the statute that only American built craft can fly the flag of this land. The agent said that if Russia inaugurated the aggressive warfare that was possible for her, this steamer would prevent the American people from taking advantage of the splendid opportunity that a condition of things would present for the regaining of the old-time position on the sea. He even suggested that in the event of war an extra session of Congress ought to be called, to advantage of a situation that may not recur again in a century."

"America's future," said he, "belongs to her, and she has stood long enough upon courtesy and the amenities of trade. She must regain what she lost during the four years enforced lethargy of the national commerce during the civil war. The ocean trade was taken away from her fairly enough, but now is her chance. It is the hour for a great stroke. Will she rise to it?"

BUILDING WAR VESSELS FOR RUSSIA.—PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—An order for six fast iron cruisers of the Emeralds pattern was re-

ceived in this city Thursday. These vessels are normally ordered by private gentlemen, just as they might order steam yachts, but they will be for sale when completed, and the offers of only one European Government will be entertained, and it is thought that that Government will be Russia. Three paramount features will be insisted on, namely, 19 knots of speed and coal carrying capacity for twenty-five days steaming, and buoyancy for three steel-rifled cannon of large caliber. The steamer is regarded by the public as the largest of these vessels, the largest of the proposed war vessels that floats. It was built for China, in England, by Sir William Armstrong, and is about 4,000 tons. The six vessels to be built on her model will not exceed 25,000 tons in size, and will not have an ounce of unnecessary plating on them. The syndicate of capitalists interested in this scheme believe in making money by selling ships, just as their colleagues in the grain and produce business hope to improve their condition by the struggling nations, and hold that provisions are quite as much contraband of war as ships. The keels for these vessels will be laid immediately.

TIRED OF KING RULE.

CHICAGO CITIZENS DETERMINED TO RESIST ORGANIZED GANGS OF RUFFIANS.—CHICAGO, Ill., April 11.—The following resolutions were adopted at a mass-meeting in the North Division last night:—

"The King of England is in great peril at the hands of an organized band of ruffians who, in their desperate efforts to retain their power stop at no crime, with apparently little check by our present Government."

"Whereas, The protection of the ballot-box is of equal importance with the protection of life itself, therefore—

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this meeting to wait upon the Committee of the Mass Meeting, irrespective of party, to protest against such work, and to perfect throughout the city such organization as may be necessary to put an end to this curse."

"Whereas, These outrages are possible at our election, because of the dependency of the election laws, which afford no protection at the polls or in the courts, therefore—

"Resolved, That we pray our Legislators to afford us permanent protection, and to make the election laws, similar to those now in force in New York."

REDUCING THE FORCE.

RAILROAD SHOP BURNED—DEMOLISHED BY A GALE.

VINCENNES, IND., April 11.—Twenty men were, yesterday morning, discharged from the several departments of the Central Railroad, and a statement to the effect was made public, but it is thought that a general decantation of employees will be made to enable the company to get along without them.

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DOING WELL.

GEN. GRANT IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF DYING.

HOW THE SUFFERING VETERAN PASSED LAST NIGHT—A SLIGHT TROUBLE OF THE THROAT.

GRANT REGRETS LEAVING HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS—CONSULTATION OF PHYSICIANS THIS AFTERNOON.

NEW YORK, April 11, 2 P. M.—Gen. Grant, comfortably seated until 1 a. m., when he became restless and suffered from a buzz in his throat, the usual local applications were made, giving partial relief.

At 2 a. m., however, the administration of an anodyne was demanded. Since that time he has been doing and sleeping by turns. His pulse is 68, temperature 99.5. [Signed] GEO. F. SHADY, M. D.

NO DANGER JUST NOW.

DR. SHADY LEFT THE HOUSE THIS MORNING, HE SAID THAT GEN. GRANT HAD PASSED A VERY QUIET NIGHT.

THE LEICESTER RACES—DEATH OF THE LORD MARCHAL.

LONDON, April 11.—George Swan Lottoge, Lord Mayor of London, died this morning.

THE EARL OF SELKIRK, A REPRESENTATIVE PEER FOR SCOTLAND, IS DEAD.

THE LEICESTER RACES.

THE LEICESTER SPRING MEETING.

THE RACE FOR THE LEICESTER'S WHITE LOCK.

MR. H. T. BARDY'S CRITERION WAS SECOND AND LORD HASTINGS' BARNACLE THIRD. THERE WERE EIGHTEEN STARTERS.

FRANCE.

HOLDING ENGLAND RESPONSIBLE.

PARIS, April 11.—The Debats, commenting on the forcible suppression of the French newspaper, the *Espresso*, by the Egyptian and British officials at Cairo, said Wednesday, declared the act an outrage. "It was," continues the Debats, "a violation of our rights and an act which demands reparation at any cost. England is morally responsible."

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE SUZZ CANAL.

THE NEW MINISTRY HAVE INFORMED THE PROJECT OF M. FERRY'S CABINET CONCERNING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE SUZZ CANAL.

THE SONDAN.

HABESHA DESERTED.

STAMFORD, April 11.—Habesha, recently the headquarters of Osman Digna's entire army, is now wholly deserted.

STRIKING CAR BUILDERS.

OVER 150 EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSOURI CAR WORKS QUIT WORK.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON A STRIKE WAS INAGURATED IN THE WORKS OF THE MISSOURI CAR AND FOUNDRY COMPANY AND OVER 150 EMPLOYEES IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS QUIT WORK ON ACCOUNT OF A REDUCTION OF WAGES FROM 5 TO 30 PER CENT. THE MEN LEFT THE SHOPS AFTER RECEIVING THE ENVELOPES CONTAINING THEIR PAY WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, BUT AFTERWARDS A COMPANY MEETING WAS APPPOINTED TO WAIT UPON SUPERVISORS AND OTHERS.

THE REDUCTION RANGE IS 5 TO 20 PER CENT.

THEY SAY THAT THE WORKERS ARE TO GET 50 PER CENT.

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DR. DOUGLASS ARRIVED AT 1:30, AFTER HAVING BEEN AWAY ALL NIGHT. HE WILL REMAIN FOR THE CONFERENCE WITH DR. BARKER AND SHADY AT 9.

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"RESOLVED, THAT WE PRAY OUR LEGISLATORS TO AFFORD US PERMANENT PROTECTION, AND TO MAKE THE ELECTION LAWS, SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW IN FORCE IN NEW YORK."

THE PATIENT'S CONDITION UNCHANGED.

WHEN DR. CLAFFORD LEFT THE HOUSE AT 10:30, HE REPORTED THAT THE PLEASANT WEATHER HAD NOT BRIGHTENED THE MORNING.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 11, 11 A. M.—THE EXCITEMENT IN THE GRAIN MARKET HAS BEEN VERY HIGH TO-DAY, WITH HIGHER PRICES AGAIN PREVAILING ON THE REOPENED MARKET.

THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES, REDUCING THE PROBABLE WINTER YEAD BY 100,000 BUSHELS, SUPPLEMENTED BY CONTINUED BAD REPORTS FROM THE WHEAT GROWING DISTRICTS, WAS ALSO EXPRESSED AS A BULL ARGUMENT.

MAI WHEAT, WHICH CLOSED AT 80¢ LAST NIGHT, SOLD, AS HIGH AS 85¢, BUT IS QUOTED AGAIN TO 88¢.

CORN IS RULING HIGH, WITH A QUOTE OF \$1.90 FOR MAY.

IRON, COAL AND IRON, QUOTED AT 100¢.

THE COTTON MARKET IS ACTIVE.

THE COFFEE MARKET IS ACTIVE.

THE COCOA MARKET IS

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1885.

The daily average number of copies of the Post-Dispatch delivered by carriers in the city of St. Louis and suburbs during the week ending Saturday, April 4, was 20,703. This does not include sales to newsboys and dealers, and it does not include our country circulation in more than 400 important cities and towns of the West.

As we remarked before, our Bartholdi Pedestal Fund is a success.

THE WORLD yesterday turned its twenty-thousand corner in the subscription for the Bartholdi Pedestal.

BLOOD will tell. We expect the French blood in St. Louis will tell volumes in favor of the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund.

The list of subscriptions to the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund from the great drug house of RIBAIRD & CO. is a daisy. It decorates our local report.

There are two sides to the Bartholdi Pedestal business. All generous and patriotic minds are on one side. Only the snarling and curris Republican is on the other side.

ST. LOUIS is getting to be well known abroad as the city that has taken hold of the completion of the Bartholdi monument, and such a reputation is of immense value.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT is distressed over the impossibility of communicating with KOMAROFF so as to hear his account of the recent battle. There is a suspicion that the Russian Government has stuffed cotton in its ear.

THE POST-DISPATCH is now established as the organ of the French population of St. Louis. In our effort to secure the completion of the pedestal for the Bartholdi statue they recognize a tribute to their feelings and desires which they could expect from no other paper.

We do not expect any direct contribution to the pedestal fund from the REPUBLICAN, but we are promised an indirect contribution of considerable value. The proprietor of a bar-room just around the corner from the REPUBLICAN office has promised to contribute each day one per cent of the amount taken in across the bar for the drinks of the Colonels, and thus when their pleasant vices be turned to whips to lash them.

OUR ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY, *Le Patriote*, will open a subscription among its readers for the benefit of the Bartholdi pedestal. We have frequently had occasion to admire the patriotic spirit of *Le Patriote*, and of its distinguished editor, M. SEGUENOT, and the promptness with which it lends its support to a movement of this kind is only in keeping with its high and honorable record.

AS RUEZ's half-breeds are the connecting link between the wild tribes and the civilized people of the Northwest, his half-breed rebellion will have to bear the responsibility and the odium of all the resulting massacres. It will afford some savage bands a coveted opportunity to go to war on their own account, and may bring him allies he cannot control and does not want. A civilized and educated man, acting as the leader of a really aggrieved people, cannot be placed in a more painful situation than he now occupies. Without Indian co-operation he must fail, and with it he becomes responsible for such horrible massacres as that of Frog Lake.

A HOLY ALLIANCE of Emperors or a TRIVULCIATE of imperial dynasties is dimly foreshadowed in the announcement that Germany and Austria will support Russia in the position that the establishment of an Afghan picket post across the river was an advance justifying the Russian attack. That affectionate meeting of the three Emperors in Poland was not the only indication they have given of a disposition to stand together and act under mutual advisement as against the more popular Governments of Europe in the settlement of the Eastern question. When the Russian army was last in striking distance of Constantinople, it was the appearance of a British fleet in the Dardanelles, that saved the Ottoman capital and stopped the partition of the Empire.

DEMOCRATS will make a mistake if they object to the action of the Republican Committee looking towards an investigation of the revision of the voting list. That revision was in the hands of the Democrats, and if they are conscious that it will bear investigation they should challenge scrutiny for their own vindication. They are as much interested as Republicans in having elections fairly conducted. In the present case they are more interested than Republicans are in having the conduct of the recent election tested by a fair and full scrutiny. The erasure of 12,000 names in the last three years may not look suspicious, con-

sidering the number of deaths and removals in a voting list of over 60,000 names, but a revision of over 7,000 names between the general election of November and the municipal election of April is calculated to shake confidence to some extent. Not only the voting, but the registration is a standing disgrace to the size and pretensions of St. Louis, and the whole city ought to kick vigorously against any reduction of the voting list which suggests a suspicion of an unfair disfranchisement or looks like an attempt to prevent a full registration and a full vote. The *outs* seems to be on the party which had charge of the revision in this instance, and it should court the proposed investigation.

The row in France has subsided as rapidly as it rose. The Parisian populace are quiet, until the next provocation to be unequal. The new ministry have thrown a large tub to the popular wave by promising a long list of "red" men. If we are to believe the report of his ways, if Mr. Parnell should make an Irish tour as soon as the Prince and Princess have finished theirs, the contrast would be sufficiently striking to convince the dullest Englishman of the folly of such attempts to reconcile Ireland to a hated union.

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The effect of the war news on the markets during the week shows how anticipation of a business recovery tends to bring it about. But, war or no war, the situation in other respects tends to better prices, insuring renewed business activity. The falling off in imports for several years past, and the increasing balance of trade in our favor, show that we have been increasing, rather than exhausting, our means. The imports at New York for the past quarter amounted to \$35,000,000, against \$115,000,000 for the first quarter of 1884, \$119,000,000 for the first quarter of 1883, and \$125,000,000 for the first quarter of 1882. During the past quarter our exports from the same port were \$10,000,000 in excess of the same quarter last year. In January and February there were exported over 14,000,000 bushels of corn, over 16,000,000 bushels of wheat and over 3,000,000 barrels of flour, larger shipments of either staple were never before made in those two months. Corn, especially, is going abroad in larger quantities than at any time before in the past four years. The idea that the great surplus of last year's vast crops would rot on our hands for want of foreign demand has been dispelled, and all reports from the winter wheat crop make it pretty sure that better prices must prevail for all we have to spare, war or no war. This means money for the farmer's pocket, enabling him to pay his bills and buy more from the merchant and the manufacturer; and that means a surplus from over-production. What suggests Dean Swift's remark about the municipal authorities of Dublin on a certain occasion: that "when there was nothing left worth defense, they built a magazine."

IN GERMANY and AUSTRIA, nothing has transpired deserving mention. Italy is still pushing her business in the Soudan, and may get a large share of that pie than she can possibly digest. The Pope's recent illness of the Pope turns out to be only a bad toothache accompanied by neuralgia, from which he is recovering. The Spaniard government has ordered the construction of two first-class steel-plated twin ships, of most approved model. What suggests Dean Swift's remark about the municipal authorities of Dublin on a certain occasion: that "when there was nothing left worth defense, they built a magazine."

THE METROPOLITAN PRESS

What the Editors of the New York Journals are Saving To-Day

By T. B. COOPER to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The *World* says: "Postmaster-General Vassar has shouged off another batch of useless inspectors, and Secretary Whitney has lengthened the hours of clerks in his department, under certain contingencies. Thus the good work continues."

April 11, 1885.

The authority given to B. J. Smith, traveling agent, to collect monies and solicit subscriptions, is hereby revoked. His connection with this paper ceases to-day.

IG. KAPPNER,
Business Manager.

FOREIGN NOTES.

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